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Does Microsoft hurt consumers? Yes it does. I've been paying a premium for my computer hardware and software for years, simply because I choose not to use a Microsoft-based computer. Should I not have a viable choice in the computer marketplace? Yes I should. Microsoft has built an empire on illegal practices, and a small fine is not going to remedy the problem. Fining Microsoft even a few billion dollars would be analogous to catching a bank robber who made off with a million dollars in cash, and fining him \$10,000. Sounds like a good business proposition, for the crook that is.

Microsoft has violated the law. Its competitors have suffered as a consequence. Consumers have suffered. Consumers will continue to suffer as Microsoft expands its illegal monopoly into other markets. Once successful companies (WordPerfect, Novell, Lotus, Netscape, etc.) are now burned-out shells due to Microsoft's immoral and illegal business activities. Please do not squander this opportunity to make things right.

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